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1. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:

PERCENTAGE PERCENTAGE

CHANGE CHANGE

OVER PERCENTAGE OVER SAME

LATEST PREVIOUS CHANGE MONTH LAST

MONTH MONTH JAN-LATEST YEAR

ITEM MONTH

A. OUTPUT & DEMAND

(1) INDUSTRIAL

PRODUCTION JAN MINUS 9.9 MINUS 9.9 PLUS 7.6

INDEX (ASTERISK) 158.4

(1970-100)

(ASTERISK)-THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX REPORTED IN THE PAST HAS INCLUDED MANUFACTURING, GAS AND ELECTRICITY. FROM NOW ON WE WILL REPORT THE TOTAL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES UNCLASSIFIED

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MINING, SINCE THE MONTH TO MONTH FLUCTUATIONS, WHICH HAD A DISTORTING EFFECT, ARE BECOMING MUCH SMALLER.

(2) RETAIL

SALES JAN

VALUE INDEX 138.6 MINUS 32.1 MINUS 32.1 PLUS 16.

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(JUNE 1974-100)
 (3) GNP AT MARKET PRICES (AVAILABLE ONLY ANNUALLY, NOT QUARTERLY),
 REVISED FIGURES IN BILLIONS OF DRACHMAS; CURRENT PRICES 833
 (UP 19.5 PERCENT); CONSTANT (1970 PRICES) 414 (UP 6.0 PERCENT).
  1977 TENTATIVE PROJECTIONS: 982 IN CURRENT PRICES, (UP 17.8
  PERCENT), 441 IN CONSTANT (1970) PRICES, (UP 6.5 PERCENT).
B. PRICE INDICES
 (1) CPI
             MARCH
  (1974-100)
             139.5 PLUS 2.7 PLUS 2.4 PLUS 10.8
             FEB
 (2) WPI
             303.3 PLUS 1.2 PLUS 2.8 PLUS 13.6
 (1961-100)
 (3) EXPORT
  UNIT VALUE OCT
  INDEX
               225.4 MINUS 0.2 PLUS 11.5 PLUS 17.2
  (1970-100)
C. MONEY SUPPLY
  (1) M-1
            JAN
  (BILLIONS OF
  DRACHMAS) 149.4 MINUS 7.2 MINUS 7.2 PLUS 23.4
2. REPRESENTATIVE INTEREST RATES: MAXIMUM INTEREST RATES ON BANK
DEPOSITS AND CREDITS ARE SET BY THE CURRENCY COMMITTEE.
(SEE REF C; NO NEW DATA)
D. CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET (SEE REF B; NO NEW DATA).
E. LABOR (NO NEW DATA; SEE REFS C & E)
F. TRADE AND PAYMENTS
 (1) BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PRELIMINARY ($ MILLION):
            JAN - FEB PERCENTAGE CHANGE
             1976 1977 '77 / '76
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   (A) EXPORT VALUE 350 439
                                PLUS 25.4
   (B) IMPORT VALUE 955 965 PLUS 1.0
   (C) SHIPPING
    REMITTANCES 125 155 PLUS 24.0
   (D) EMIGRANT-WORKER
     REMITTANCES 114 113 PLUS 0.9
   (E) TOURISM RECIPTS 56 64 PLUS 14.3
   (F) CURRENT ACCOUNT
      DEFICIT MINUS 339 MINUS 230 MINUS 32.3
(2) FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES, FEB 28; $906.3 MILLION.
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- (3) EXPORTS: QUANTUM INDEX (1970-100) JAN-OCT AVERAGE, 205.1, PLUS 13.5 PERCENT OVER PREVIOUS YEAR.
- (4) IMPORTS: QUANTUM INDEX (1970-100) JAN-OCT AVERAGE, 142.2, PLUS 4.8 PERCENT OVER PREVIOUS YEAR.
- (5) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EXTERNAL DEBT AND BORROWING (AVAILABLE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS). (SEE REF B; NO NEW DATA). KUBISCH

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